

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3, 6, 8 to 16, and 20 remain pending.

Attorney Ruggiero wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Attorney Dean during the interview of September 11, 2007. The Examiner indicated that the application would be in condition for allowance if claim 20 was amended to set forth a step for synthesizing phenol and acetone.

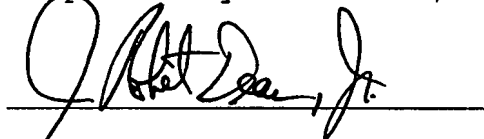
Claim 20 has been amended to recite a step for synthesizing phenol and acetone from cumene hydroperoxide. The amendment is deemed to place the claim in condition for allowance (along with the remaining pending claims).

The arguments and amendments set forth in the Amendment dated July 13, 2007 in traversing the rejections of record are maintained herein.

Reconsideration of claims 1 to 3, 6, 8 to 16, and 20 is deemed warranted in view of the foregoing. Allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited.

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